

Early Literacy Curriculum Council (ELCC)

Thursday, December 14, 2023 | 4:00-6:00 PM

2023-2024 Early Literacy Curriculum Council Members | Amy McGovern (Vice Chairperson), Katie Kasubaski (Secretary), Megan Dixon, Nancy Dressel, Kari Flitz, Itzel Galindo, Joe Garza, Bill Hughes, and Holly Prast

Department of Public Instruction Staff: Dr. Jill Underly - State Superintendent of Public Instruction, John Johnson - Deputy State Superintendent; Thomas McCarthy - Deputy State Superintendent; Sachin Chheda - Executive Director of the Office of the State Superintendent, Laura Adams - Policy Initiatives Advisor, Tacara Lovings - Policy Initiatives Advisor, Kelly Behling - Executive Staff Assistant, Mary Jo Christiansen - Executive Staff Assistant, Tari Raatz - Asst Director of Instructional Technology Services

Virtual Meeting | See the [DPI Wisconsin Education Calendar](#) for the link to join the meeting

1. Call The Meeting to Order

2. Attendance

- a. Council Members
- b. DPI Staff
- c. Guests

3. Approval of the Agenda

4. Secretary Update

- a. Official Council Records, including agendas and approved minutes, will be stored by DPI.

5. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approve November 5, 2023 minutes.

6. DPI Updates

- a. Literacy Curricula Related Updates
- b. Director of the Office of Literacy

7. Early Literacy Curricula and Instructional Materials for 2024

- a. Discussion of Building Background Knowledge Criteria
- b. In-person Meeting to View Hard Copies of Materials
- c. Curricula Discussion
 - i. Work through the steps of the curricula vetting process together using readily available options like EL or one that Laura can provide us access through SharePoint.
- d. Member discussion of the curricula evaluation process

8. Council Updates

- a. Availability of Members to meet on December 21, 2023
- b. Election of Officers in 2024
- c. Future Meetings Thursdays from 4:00-6:00 PM

- i. December 21, 2023
- ii. December 28, 2023 - No Meeting
- iii. January 4, 2024 (Election of Officers)
- iv. January 11, 2024
- v. January 18, 2024
- vi. January 25, 2024

9. Requests for Agenda Items

10. Adjournment

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118.015 Reading instruction; early literacy curricula and instructional materials.

(1) PURPOSE AND INTENT. It is the purpose and intent of this section to provide for a developmental reading program for pupils at all grade levels.

(1c) DEFINITIONS. In this section:

(a) “Phonics” means the study of the relationships between sounds and words; this includes alphabetic principle, decoding, orthographic knowledge, encoding, and fluency.

(b) “Science-based early reading instruction” means instruction that is systematic and explicit and consists of at least all of the following:

1. Phonological awareness, including word awareness, rhyme recognition, repetition and creation of alliteration, syllable counting or identification, onset, and rime manipulation.

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2. Phonemic awareness, including phoneme identification, isolation, blending, segmentation, addition, substitution, and deletion.

3. Phonics.

4. Building background knowledge.

5. Oral language development.

6. Vocabulary building to develop lexical and morphological knowledge.

7. Instruction in writing.

8. Instruction in comprehension.

9. Reading fluency.

(c) “Three-cueing” means any model, including the model referred to as meaning, structure, and visual cues, or MSV, of teaching a pupil to read based on meaning, structure and syntax, and visual cues or memory.

(1m) EARLY LITERACY CURRICULA AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS.

(a) Beginning in the 2023-24 school year and annually thereafter, the council on early literacy curricula shall recommend to the department early literacy curricula and instructional materials for use in the following school year in grades kindergarten to 3. The council on early literacy curricula may recommend only early literacy curricula and instructional materials that satisfy the following criteria:

- 1. The curricula and instructional materials include all of the components of science-based early reading instruction.
- 2. The curricula and instructional materials do not include 3-cueing.